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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 581
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Jim Brown and the 1999-2000 Jackson County High School girls' basketball team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 2-A State Tournament.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly takes considerable pleasure in recognizing those outstanding high school athletic teams, who, by virtue of their stellar accomplishments, have achieved superiority in sports; and

WHEREAS, clearly one such memorable team is the 1999-2000 Jackson County High School girls' basketball team, which won the prestigious Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 2-A State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County compiled an admirable 18-6 regular season record, despite a tough schedule; and

WHEREAS, this tremendously talented team won the District 8 2-A Tournament by defeating DeKalb County 82-28, Livingston Academy 47-38, and Upperman 43-42, in the title game; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Blue Devils next finished third in the Region 4 2-A Tournament, beating Marion County 78-31 and York Institute 75-49; and

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WHEREAS, in the crucial Mid-East Sectional Tournament, Jackson County once again emerged triumphant with impressive defeats over Polk County 64-43, Upperman 47-34, and McMinn Central 50-44, in the championship game; and

WHEREAS, in the first round of the TSSAA Class 2-A State Tournament, the Lady Blue Devils staged an amazing come-from-behind rally that resulted in an exciting 48-41 win against Anderson County; and

WHEREAS, in semifinal round action, Jackson County beat Giles County 36-23; and

WHEREAS, last years runner-up team became this years champion as the Lady Blue Devils built up a big lead in the first half and won over South Greene 50-41; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Blue Devils completed a storybook season with a fine 29-7 overall record, and captured the school's second state title, the last title coming in 1973; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded Head Coach Jim Brown has been aided by his Assistant coaches Kevin Bray and Barbara Brown; and

WHEREAS, the team leaders included: senior standout **Joanna Chaffin**, who was selected the State Tournament Most Valuable Player, All-Region 4 2-A, All-District 8 2-A Tournament, and regular season All-District 8 2-A; sophomore sensation **Andrea Davidson**, who was named All-State-Tournament, All-Region 4 2-A Tournament, All-District 8 2-A Tournament Most Valuable Player, and regular season All-District 8 2-A; senior star **Heather Davidson**, who was chosen All-State Tournament, All-Region 4 2-A Tournament, and regular season All-District 8 2-A; junior **Jessica Smith**, named to the All-State tournament team; and junior **Becca Focer**, an All-District 8 2-A regular season and tournament honoree; and

WHEREAS, other team members who contributed substantially to the championship effort were: junior **Sarah Breidert**; sophomores **Emily Lane**, and **Lacy Sircy**; and freshmen **Deanna Apple**, **Alyssa Bowman**, **Jennifer Harris**, and **Ashley Hopkins**; and

WHEREAS, managers **Lucy Anderson, Stephene Clayton, and Faith Henshaw**, and trainer **Dan Nelson** have done a superb job assisting the team this season and are also highly deserving of praise; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to salute a team which is a credit to their school, their community and to Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Head Coach Jim Brown and the 1999-2000 Jackson County High School girls' basketball team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 2-A State Tournament. We wish them much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.